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To: CALFED Bay-Delta NEPA/CEQA Group

From: Lester A. Snow, Executive Director  
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Subject: No Action Alternative for CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Enclosed is a proposal covering development of the No Action Alternative for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. I would appreciate your thoughts by April 15, 1996.

The paper begins by describing our impression of what the No Action Alternative is and how it is developed. We believe there is an undue amount of confusion regarding this topic and it is this confusion which causes us to muddle our way through the development of the No Action Alternative. We are trying to minimize the misunderstanding by spending some time laying out as thorough a perspective of the No Action Alternative as we can. We would appreciate your thoughts on our impression and ask for any additional comments which would serve to further clarify this topic.

There is a proposal on page 5 to phase the analysis. Are you aware of this being done with any other document or do you see merit in this type of analysis?

The paper also presents a proposed set of criteria for selecting actions to makeup the No Action Alternative as well as the actions which should be a part of the cumulative impact analysis. It then goes on to identify potential actions for inclusion into the no action alternative and the cumulative action list. Are both sets of criteria for selecting the No Action Alternative and the set of criteria for identifying actions for the cumulative action list appropriate? Is the proposed list of potential future actions appropriate; should some be deleted, and why and are there any additions?

In the event we are overwhelmed with comments, we will hold a meeting with agency representatives to iron out issues and then proceed with screening of actions. I would hope the next package you see will be a draft report identifying actions for inclusion in the No Action Alternative and cumulative impact lists. If you have questions, please contact Rick Breitenbach at (916) 657-2666.

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CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service